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When school time came, Alfred did janitor work to pay his way through school, for he was an avid scholar. Eventually, he graduated from the University of Utah and stayed on to teach at that school for six years. One of his students was President David O. McKay, a source of pride to Alfred in his latter years. He also taught at the University of Chicago, the LDS Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah, the Ricks Academy in Rexburg, Idaho, and was principal in both Wasatch and North Sanpete High Schools.

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Four children were born to them. Their oldest son, Clift, was drowned in Deer Creek Reservoir a few years ago. Alfred's three daughters survive him: Stella Rasmussen, an art teacher in Midvale; Roberta Giles and DeEsta Jordan, both of Heber, Utah. He is also survived by a brother, John Bond of Mesa, Arizona, and a sister, Emily M. Biggs of Orem, Utah. 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Alfred retired from teaching in 1940 and came to Mesa, Arizona, to be near his brother, and has lived there until early this year. He continued his cabinet making until just a few years ago, skillfully turning out cedar chests and little tables and chairs. He also continued studying all his long life—having an unquenchable thirst for knowledge. Those near to him knew him as a student of the scriptures and of science.

Two months ago, his daughter and son-in-law, Brother and Sister Jordan, came from Heber City to see Brother Bond, learning that his health was failing. A heart condition and dropsy were taking their toll, so they arranged for his care at a rest home where he died last Saturday after 89 active years, March 29, 1958.

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